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ABSTRACT

This specialized bibliography was prepared for students and teachers interested in the growing literature which describes, directly or indirectly, homosexual liberation as a rhetorical movement. Thirty-eight references are annotated in the areas of (1) autobiographical accounts; (2) quantitative research; (3) history; (4) law; (5) literature; (6) sociology; (7) religion; (8) ethics; and (9) the AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) crisis. (MS)

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INTRODUCTIONS

Chesebro, James, ed. Gayspeak. New York: Pilgrim Press, 1981.
Chesebro's outstanding anthology contains scholarly speech communication studies analyzing homosexual liberation as a contemporary culture, rhetorical movement, political protest, and alternative life-style. Helpful historical and communication information is presented by the Caucus on Gay Men and Lesbian Concerns of the Speech Communication Association.

Crew, Louie, ed. The Gay Academic. Palm Springs, California: Etc. Publications, 1978.
Crew's excellent interdisciplinary anthology summarizes pertinent information and indicates continued scholarly research.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL ACCOUNTS

Adair, Nancy and Casey Adair, eds. Word Is Out. San Francisco: Glide, 1976.
Gay men and lesbians from varied backgrounds and diverse life-styles discuss themselves in this dialogue from a perceptive television documentary.

Brown, Howard. Familiar Faces, Hidden Lives. New York: New American Library, 1976.
Written by a celebrated gay advocate who inaugurated the National Gay Task Force, Brown's book describes the problems and possibilities experienced by gays.

Ebert, Alan. The Homosexuals. New York: Macmillan and Company, 1977.
Seventeen gay men describe themselves and their experiences in interesting and informative accounts that indicate the diversity found among homosexuals.

Fisher, Peter. The Gay Mystique: The Myth and Reality of Male Homosexuality, New York: Stein and Day, 1972.
Analyzes how barriers to understanding distort perceptions of persons and how these barriers are removc when people communicate.

QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH

Bell, Alan P., and Martin S. Weinberg. Homosexualities: A Study of Human Diversity. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1978.
This analytical study describes the dimensions of sexual experience and aspects of social and psychological adjustment.

Bell, Alan P., Martin S. Weinberg, and Sue Kiefer Hammersmith. Sexual Preference: Its Development in Men and Women. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1981.
Three researchers from the Kinsey Institute for Sex Research conclude that a homosexual orientation apparently emerges from a fundamental predisposition that is possibly biological and that becomes evident as a failure to conform to societal stereotypes of "masculinity" and "femininity."

Churchill, Wainwright. Homosexual Behavior Among Males. New York: Hawthorne, 1967.
A pioneering cross-cultural and cross-species investigation examines male homosexual behavior from a comprehensive perspective.

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Harry, Joseph and William B. DeVall, The Social Organization of Gay Males. New York: Prager, 1978.
This informative study provides pertinent information about adolescent experience and "coming out," marriages between homosexuals, sex role and dominance interpretations, urbanization and gay communities, discrimination and adjustment in employment, and participation in the homosexual liberation movement.

Masters, William H., and Virginia E. Johnson. Homosexuality in Perspective. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1979.
Two well-known researchers present a scientific study analyzing homosexual response.

Tripp, C.A., The Homosexual Matrix. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1975.
A ten-year research project conducted by a psychologist-psychotherapist probed homosexual and heterosexual experiences and shattered sterotypes.

Weinberg, Martin S., and Colin J. Williams. Male Homosexuals: Their Problems and Adaptations. New York: Oxford University Press, 1974.
Going beyond the initial Kinsey report describing male sexual behavior, this specialized research describes the problems and characteristics of a specific gay population.

HISTORY

Hyde, H. Montgomery. The Love That Dared Not Speak Its Name. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1970.
Hyde's historical narrative recounts the developments that culminated in Parliament's passing legislation removing criminal sanctions against private homosexual behavior between consenting adults.

Katz, Jonathan, ed., Gay American History: Lesbians and Gay Men in the U.S.A.: A Documentary Account. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell, 1976; A Homosexual Emancipation Miscellany, 1835-1952 New York: Arno Press, 1975; and Gay/Lesbian Almanac New York: Harper and Row, 1983.
These well-received histories contain rich primary sources that document the pervasive "homosexual presence" throughout American historical development. Katz's commendable books extend historical understanding and contribute an essential account toward a comprehensive survey.

LAW

Bogan, E. Carrington, Marilyn G. Haft, Charles Lister, John P. Rupp, and Thomas B. Stoddard. The Rights of Gay People. New York: Bantam, 1983.
A sweeping survey summarizes decisions reached through the courts.

LITERATURE

Genet, Jean. Our Lady of the Flowers. New York: Grove Press, 1963.
Genet's contemporary masterpiece, considered comparable with Joyce's Ulysses, pictures graphically the lower depths of human depravity and perversity, inhabited by homosexuals, prostitutes, and transvestites.

Rechy, John. City of Night. New York: Grove Press, 1963.
This beautifully written novel, regarded frequently as a contemporary literary classic, describes the restless wanderings of an American gay. This powerful story provides fascinating reading and perceptive insight.

Rechy, John. Rushes. New York: Grove Press, 1981.
A dramatic portrayal describing interactions and relations within a gay bar during one'evenings events.

SOCIOLOGY

D'Emilio, John. Sexual Politics, Sexual Communities. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1983.
The writer provides a glimpse into contemporary "gay culture" as a political and sociological phonomenon.

Humphreys, Laud. Out of the Closets: The Sociology of Homosexual Liberation. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1972.
This thoughtful analysis sketches the developmental sequences within homosexual liberation and suggests how gays rebel against an "intolerable reality."

Levine, Martin P. Gay Men: The Sociology of Male Homosexuality. New York: Harper and Row, 1979.
Levine's anthology contains popular articles about homosexual oppression, gay culture, alternative life-styles, and liberation movement.

McCaffrey, Joseph A. The Homosexual Dialectic. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1972.
This excellent anthology presents substantive articles analyzing the fundamental sociological and psychological dimensions of homosexual liberation.

RELIGION

Boswell, John. Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1980.
Boswell's award-winning, unusually sophisticated survey examines fifteen hundred years of experience endured by homosexuals living in non-Slavic Europe between the beginnings of Christianity and the fourteenth century.

McNeill, John J. The Church and The Homosexual. New York: Pocket Books, 1978.
A Jesuit moral theologian contends that homosexuality is consistent with God's will, that frequently gays make unique social contributions, and that gay relationships are potentially good. McNeill synthesizes extensive knowledge.

ETHICS

Batchelor, Edward Jr. Homosexuality and Ethics. New York: Pilgrim Press, 1981.
A clergyman presents diverse interpretations from different schools of philosophers and theologians who consider the ethics of homosexuality.

Pittenger, Norman. Time for Consent: A Christian's Approach to Homosexuality. London: SMC, 1976.
Emphasizing love, a distinguished Episcopal priest-professor presents a sensible and sensitive Christian ethic of homosexuality.

THE AIDS CRISIS

Altman, Dennis. AIDS in the Mind of America. New York: Anchor Books, 1987.
The author discusses the conceptualization of AIDS and the distinctiveness that characterizes "a very American epidemic."

Coffin, William Sloane, Jr. "AIDS," a sermon preached at the Riverside Church, New York City. Available through Publications Office, the Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

Castro, R. Michael. AIDS and the Ministry of the Church. Nashville: The General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, 1987.
This helpful guide provides information about AIDS as a disease, a biblical and theological reflection, and suggestions for effective pastoral care.

Fortunato, John E. AIDS : The Spiritual Dilemma. New York: Harper and Row, 1987.
As religious institutions confront the AIDS crisis, this writer challenges churchpersons to examine their theology of human sexuality, develop effective pastoral care, and consider the realities of eternal life.

Hancock, Lee. "Fear and Healing in the AIDS Crisis," Christianity and Crisis. (June 24, 1985), 255-258.

Morin, Stephen F., Kenneth A. Charles, and Alan K. Malyon. "The Psychological Impact of AIDS on Gay Men," American Psychologist (November, 1984), 1288-1293.

Pieters, Stephen. "AIDS: My Spiritual Journey," an address presented at the Metropolitan Community Church of New York. Available through MCCNY, 208 West Thirteenth Street, Third Floor, New York, New York 10011.

Shelp, Earl E. and Ronald H. Sutherland, "AIDS and the Church," Christian Century (September, 1985), 11-18.

Shilts, Randy. And The Band Played On. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1987.
In this classic of medical writing and comprehensive investigative reporting, a San Francisco award-winning journalist argues that the AIDS crisis in the United States "was allowed to happen by an array of institutions, all of which failed to perform their appropriate tasks."

Smith, Leon, ed. Homosexuality: In Search of a Christian Understanding. Nashville: The General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, 1981.
An outstanding anthology contains pertinent statements by intelligent and informed theologians who comprehend and communicate the biblical perspectives on homosexuality, the theological and ethical dimensions, and a "model for thinking theologically about homosexuality."

Surgeon General's Report on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Washington, D.C.: United States Department of Health and Human Services, 1986.
Surgeon General Koon describes the cause of AIDS, the signs and symptoms, the current situation, and future prospects.